

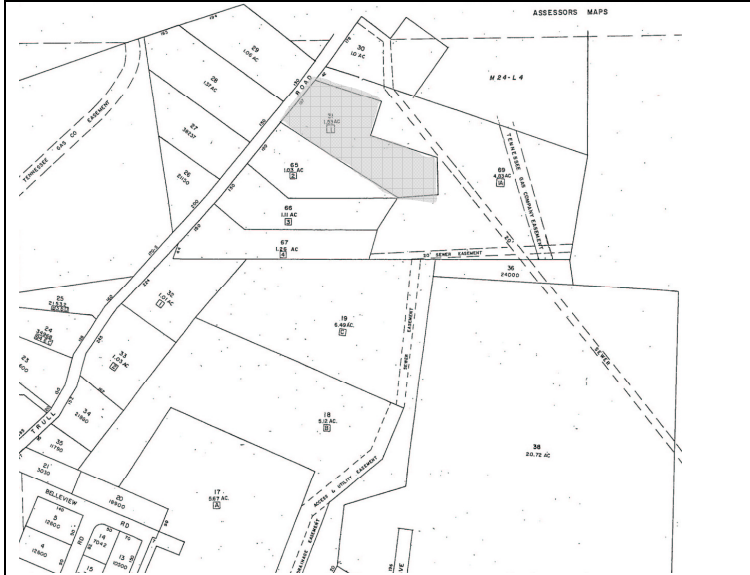
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 151 Trull Road

Historic Name: Riley Barn

Uses: Present: Storage

Original: Mixed Use Barn

Date of Construction: c1893

Source: Vital Records & Property Valuations

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Fieldstone

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Residence

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ | yes ☐ | **Date** _____

Acreage: 1.53 Acres

Setting: Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

151 TRULL ROAD

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The barn at **151 Trull Road** is one-and-a-half stories in height. Rectangular in plan, the barn rests on a field stone foundation. The front gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The walls are sheathed in wood clapboards, painted a faded red. Entrance to the barn is through a sliding barn door on south side of the western elevation. The barn door is composed of diagonally laid wood and features a pedestrian entrance. A simple wood board hood protects the exterior door tracks. A secondary pedestrian entrance is located to the north of the large barn door. Windows are 2/2 wood sash windows.

The L-shaped house at the front (west) of the barn may date to the 19th century, although it has been substantially altered by modern additions: a concrete foundation, full width front porch, vinyl siding, sliding glass doors, a deck and 1/1 vinyl sash windows.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The barn is located on land that was originally part of the Daniel S Wood farm on the east side of Trull Road, originally known as College Road. In 1866 Wood sold his 17-acre farm¹ to John Riley, an Irishman who came to the United States in 1852 with his wife Mary. John and Mary had six surviving children in the United States, including John (b.1869), Nellie [Ellen] (b.1865) and Thomas F (b.1864). John Riley's house was located near the northern end of his property north of the branch of Trull Brook.

In 1884 John Riley heirs deeded the southern portion of the farm, a 10-acre triangular shaped piece of land, to their brother Thomas Riley. This land included what is now known as Lots 31, 69, 65, 66, 67 of Tewksbury Tax Map 23. Thomas Riley was an iron moulder. In 1890 Thomas Riley had a house on his 10 acre-lot, but no barn or animals. In 1893 he married his wife Mary and they had a daughter Ellen in 1895.

In 1945 Thomas Riley sold the house and barn to Francis & Elsa Boyle. The Boyle's had a daughter Betty Ann, a nurse at the Tewksbury State Hospital. Betty Ann married 1951-1957 Jason Gentz, a chauffer, and the couple resided with her parents at 151 Trull Road. In 1977 Elsa Boyle deeded a one-acre lot to Michael & Marie Gentz. In 1980 two additional lots were subdivided from the farm to other members of the Gentz family. In 1988 the rear of the lot was subdivided from the 1.53 acre house lot and the house and barn were sold to David & Lisa Kenyon.

Deeds and plans indicate there was a detached henhouse to the north of the barn c 1954.

Additional owners include: David & Lisa Kenyon (1992-1997); Jeffrey & Heather Curtis (1997); Earl Hupper (1997-1998); and Daniel & Patricia O'Neill (1998-2009).

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Map of the Town of Tewksbury 1852. Henry F Walling. Boston, MA.

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Tewksbury 151 Trull Road

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- 1865 Map of Tewkesbury with inset.
Atlas of Middlesex County 1875. FW Beers.
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List of Residents by Streets, Ages 17 years and over, In the Town of Tewksbury Mass. As prepared by the Board of Registrars (various years 1965-)
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